

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

3200 East Highway 34 c/o 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070 Phone: (605) 773-3478 Fax: (605) 773-3194

April 30, 2004 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Michael Winder, SD DOC (605) 773-3478

Inmates assisting with interstate clean up project near Sioux Falls

Pierre, S.D. –State prison inmates are helping the Department of Transportation clean up along roadsides near Sioux Falls.

Between ten and fifteen inmates from Unit C, the minimum-security unit of the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary, are picking up trash from the ditches along the interstate, trimming trees and repairing fences and culverts.

The work areas run from the I-29 and I-90 clover leaf east to the I-90 Minnesota State Line; from the I-229 exit south to the Tea Exit; from the I-90 exit at Humboldt east to the I-29 and I-90 clover leaf and from the Ward Exit to the South End of I-229.

The inmate crews began picking up litter April 12th. They will continue with the work throughout the summer months and should begin to wrap up their work in the fall.

Beginning in May, inmate crews will also work on picking up litter on weekends when requested by DOT.

The inmates have been involved in the interstate clean up for the past several years.